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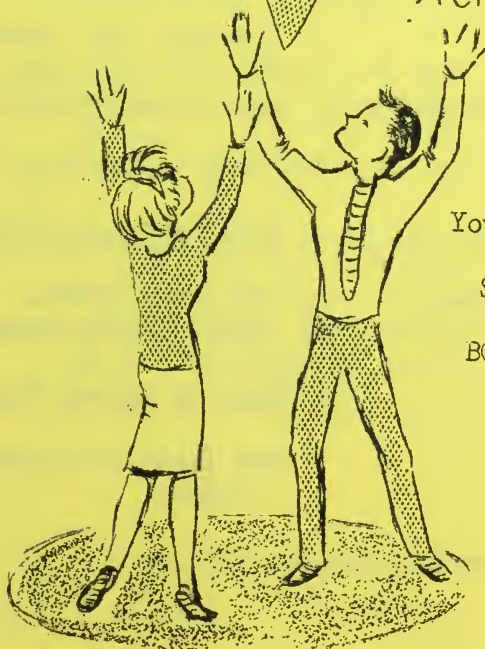
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ACROSS OUR LIVES

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Most books are interesting, and fun to read. Some books are more than this. They record human experience in a lasting way. We hope our reviews will help you to choose, from among these great books, one which appeals to you personally.

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PEOPLE AND PROBLEMS

America, America by Elia Kazan.

This is the adventurous story of a young man's striving to reach America. Love, tragedy and hardship are the stuff of this novel. Is his dream fulfilled when he reaches the "Land of Glory"?

Catcher in the Rye by J. D. Salinger.

Here is the story of Holden Caulfield, an adolescent who is beginning to see and understand what life is about. The problems which bring him to a sanitarium are many. Do you agree with him that most people are "phony"?

Exodus by Leon Uris.

A great movie and a greater book tells the story of Israeli freedom fighters, their lives and their loves.

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte.

Jane, holding the position of governess, begins to love the owner of Thornfield. But her life takes an unexpected turn.

Lord of the Flies by William Golding.

Mr. Golding has portrayed a group of English schoolboys stranded on an island. They are changed into savages. Is it the fault of society or is it basic human nature?

Mrs. Mike by Nancy and Benedict Freedman.

This is the unique story of a girl who goes to live with her uncle in Alaska and there meets and marries a handsome young mountie. This sometimes gay, sometimes sad story will hold you spellbound till the end.

Nectar in a Sieve by Kamala Markandaya.

This is the poignant story of a family in a small village in India. It shows the deep courage that exists in that family, whose life is burdened with great poverty and is disrupted by outside forces. It is a story that everyone, young and old, will truly enjoy.

The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane.

The story of a young Union Army soldier and his struggle for maturity and self respect. This boy must prove to himself that he is not a coward. He succeeds after many trials and unusual happenings.

The Red Pony by John Steinbeck.

The story of a boy and his love for his horse. The horse dies and so the boy faces some conflict in reaching maturity.

A Separate Peace by John Knowles.

The story of a boy's search to find himself and to learn how to face his problems are the theme of this brilliant novel.

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee.

After Atticus Finch, a small town Southern lawyer, defends a Negro in court, he is condemned by the townsfolk. A heartbreaking story, it is told by his young daughter, Scout.

WEIRD AND WONDERFUL

A Canticle for Leibowitz by William Miller, Jr.

Life in a little monastery when most of the world has been annihilated by the bomb. Hatred and killing in the name of justice are prologue to the hope that war will not happen again.

Level Seven by Mordechai Roschwald.

The story of a young man and his life as a soldier in a military shelter 4500 feet below the surface of the earth, Level 7. His job is to push the buttons which will release countless missiles upon the enemies on the other side of the world.

Twelve Tales of Suspense and the Supernatural
by Davis Grubb.

The atmosphere of these twelve stories ranges from country living to modern city dwellings. The characters range from an angry child to an insane electronics engineer. The stories are about what might have happened in the past and what might happen in the future.

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We Have Always Lived in the Castle by
Shirley Jackson.

An eerie, chilling novel, this is the story of a girl named Merricat who has a very peculiar secret. Reading the story is a very frightening experience. Do you have the nerve to read it?

ARE YOU SOMEBODY, TOO?

Bernie Becomes a Nun by Sister Maria del Rey.

This story tells of the trials and errors a young girl goes through while in the novitiate.

Black Like Me by John Howard Griffin.

A hardhitting book concerned with the Southern attitude toward Negroes. It is the story of a white man who became a Negro. Read it and see.

Born Free by Joy Adamson.

This book tells the story of two people and their lioness, Elsa. The joys, sorrows and trials of this trio blend in a story of human and animal nature.

Borrowed Angel by Marguerite Hamilton.

The last two years of life on earth for Nancy and the happiness she brings to others.

Deliverance of Sister Cecilia by William Brinkley.

The story of a nun's life in a communist-ruled country. How she helps others to escape and her own flight to a free state.

Exploring Inner Space by Jane Dunlap.

The biography of a psychic mind. The story of a woman's wishes and terrors while under the influence of a mysterious drug.

Hiroshima by John Hersey.

After the atom bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, John Hersey went there as a news correspondent. This is his story. It is gory. Nevertheless, it conveys all the emotions felt by the people of that city at the time of the disaster.

Lone Wolf by Arthur Calder-Marshall.

An exciting biography of Jack London. This adventurous writer had taken the public by storm with his books of adventure and intrigue. His life is every bit as exciting as his stories.

The Microbe Hunters by Paul de Kruif.

Each chapter tells a different but inspiring story of the life of a famous scientist.

BITS AND PIECES

The American Dream by Edward Albee.

A terrific comedy of an American family.
Grandma is the center of attraction. You
will laugh and enjoy it very much.

The Devil's Disciple by George Bernard Shaw.

A minister faces a conflict of duties.
Shall he serve his country or the man who
is to die on the gallows in his place?

Lost Cities and Vanished Civilizations by

Robert Silverberg.

Ancient cities vanished. Six individual
stories and an epilogue provide a ride
back into the fascinating and true past to
see these cities as once they were.

Parents Keep Out by Ogden Nash.

An anthology of humorous poetry - fine and
funny - by the one and only Ogden Nash.

Zoo Story by Edward Albee.

Two men meet to tell of their problems.
Each of their tragedies is discussed.
The play closes with the death of one.

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